Minutes

OF THE

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FOURTH

ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Original Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Association

1956

HELD WITH

PLEASANT HILL CHURCH

RANDOLPH COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

SEPTEMBER 14, 15, 16, 1956

OFFICERS

ELDER V. V. WILLARD, Moderator

BROTHER G. L. AUMAN, Clerk

PRESTON L. HELMS, Asst. Clerk

PROCEEDINGS

Of the One Hundred Twenty-Fourth Annual Session of The Original Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Association held with Pleasant Hill Church, Randolph County, North Carolina, Friday September 14, 1956 and continuing Saturday and Sunday following.

Brethren, Sisters and friends met in the grove about 10:30 o'clock A. M. After engaging in songs of praise Elder J. A. Monseese, Friendship Association, of Georgia, followed by Elder V. V. Willard, pastor of Pleasant Hill Church, who delivered the introductory discourse using Matthews 1:21.

After the introductory discourse about one hour was taken for refreshments, after which the Association met in the house and sang songs of praise, followed with prayer by Elder W. L. Johnson of Winston-Salem, N. C.

Pleasant Hill church with Ministers, Messengers and Brethren composing the Association, proceeded to business as follows:

Elder V. V. Willard, pastor of Pleasant Hill Church, served as moderator, and G. L. Auman, Clerk of Pleasant Hill Church, served as Clerk, with Preston L. Helms as Assistant Clerk.

1. Extended invitation to all orderly Baptists who are in peace with their home churches to seats with us.

2. Called for letters of representation from sister churches composing this Association, which was handed in, read and their status noted.

Pleasant Hill: Represented by full membership.

High Hill: Brethren Carl Edwards, Henry Austin, Earl Pressley and Joe Funderburk.

Liberty Hill: Brethren Vernon Medlin, Ellis Lambeth, Fred Lee Honeycutt, and Oscar Burris.

Pleasant Grove: Brethren C. W. Griffin, Judge Polk, Carl Griffin and Glen Mullis.

Union Grove: Brethren Leonard Baucom, W. S. Walden, Oscar Wooten and Brice Haigler.

Mt. Creek: Brethren Joseph Edwards, Willie Soloman, Baldy Ellis and James Glover.

Lawyer's Springs: Brethren Max Stewart, Sandy Caudle, Joe C. Helms and Olin Stewart.

Mills Chapel: Brethren J. Monroe McClendon, Howard Little, Floyd Simpson and Claude Horne.

Union: Brethren V. H. Soloman, T. B. Polk, and Wade Glenn.

Bethel: Brethren T. L. Belk, Carlos Benton, R. O. Lewis, and J. R. Mintz.

Corinth: Brethren Walter Peterson, Marvin Styels and Charley Sprouse.

Park View: Brethren Kimp Walker, Athel Smith, H. G. Cole and C. L. Barnell.

High Point: Brethren J. E. Ragan, D. G. Dix, Dories Burris and Worth Montsinger.

Meadow Creek: Brethren J. L. Deese, M. D. Hathcock, A. F. Almond and C. L. Furr.

Watson: Brethren Preston L. Helms, Douglas Williams, T. L. Simpson and Billy C. Helms.

Oak Grove: Brethren J. H. Gaddy and Jessie Tarlton.

3. Called for petitionary letters. None presented.

4. Elder V. V. Willard, moderator was authorized to appoint committees on preaching and finance.

Committee on Preaching: Elders C. M. Mills and D. B. Willard, and Brethren Elsie Auman, C. W. Griffin and Joe C. Helms.

Committee on Finance: Brethren Doris Burris, A. E. Broom, Rankin Richards, Lloyd Outen and Earl Pressley.

5. Called on presbyteries to report.

Presbyteries Report

On October 15, 1955, a presbytery was formed by Mills Chapel Church, for the purpose of ordaining Brother Ray F. Hardy and Brother Lindsay H. Hargett to the office of deacon, consisting of the following:

Elders H. C. McMillon, C. M. Mills, V. V. Willard, W. L. Johnston, D. B. Willard, and L. J. Coans.

Deacons Max Stewart, Earl Presley, H L. Williard, Leonard Baucom, W. L. Soloman, F. C. Willard, Melvin Mills, N. D. Hathcock, Rankin Richardson, Elzie Auman, Winfred Simpson, Joe Helms, C. W. Griffin, T. B. Curlee, Frank Medlin, Charlie Vanhoy, Howard Edwards, W. R. Coley, T. B. Polk, W. L. Lawless, K. Crawford, Sam Hartley, Kemp Walker and Loyd Outen.

6. Invited visitors from corresponding associations to seats with us.

Silver Creek: Elder Henry C. McMillon and Brethren, Sam Hartley, T. J. Anderson, and K. Crawford.

Little River of N. C.: Elder J. S. Collins, Brethren Milton Byrd, J. D. Stancil, R. D. Woodard, Durl McGee, and Freddie Jiles and many others.

Little River of Ga.: Elder M. M. Morton.

Mt. Zion: of Ala.: Minutes.

South Arkansas: Not represented.

Sequachie Valley and Collins River: Elder Avery Land.

Tennnessee and Nolachucky: Elder Harold Tipton.

Powell's Valley: Brethren Floyd Raley and wife and W. A. Branson and wife.

Original Towaliga: Elders Joe F. Hildreth, J. M. Speir, and Brother Roye E. Speir.

Friendship of Ga.: Elders H. H. Roberts and J. A. Monsees.

7. Invited visiting Brethren and Sisters from Sister Churches and Associations with whom we do not carry formal correspondence to seats with us.

At this point Elder J. A. Monsees of the Friendship Association of Georgia asked for formal correspondence with the Original Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Association which was unanimously granted.

Echecoonneee: Sister Estella Maddocks and Elder W. H. Handcock and wife.

Ebenezer of Ga.: Elders Joe Bryant, Fred Roland, Brethren Joe Hinson, Printice Roland and Bill English.

Martinsville Church: Elder F. F. Eggleston.

New River of Va.: Elders R. P. Vass, J. S. Harris, O. A. Harris, C. F. Martin, J. D. Hopkins, and many other brethren and sisters.

Pine Ridge Church: Elders W. L. Johnston, H. H. Washburn, and Brethren Jonah Heath, J. E. Clark and T. M. Lankford and many others.

8. Appointed messengers to visit corresponding associations as follows:

Silver Creek: Elders C. L. Ratcliff and V. V. Willard.

Little River of N. C.: Elders V. V. Willard, D. B. Willard and Brother W. B. Simpson.

Little River of Ga.: Elders C. M. Mills and V. V. Willard.
South Arkansas: Minutes.
Mt. Zion: Elder V. V. Willard.
Tennesssee and Nolachucky: Elder C. M. Mills.
Powells Valley: Elder D. B. Willard.
Original Towaliga: Elder C. M. Mills.
Friendship of Ga.: Elder C. M. Mills.

9. By motion unanimously agreed to continue correspondence with all churches and associations whom we now correspond with.

10. On motion Brother Kemp Walker was appointed to write corresponding letter to be printed in the minutes of this session of the Association.

11. Unanimously agreed to adjourn until Saturday morning at 9:30 o'clock.

Benediction by Elder J. M. Speir, Ash Street, Forest Park, Ga.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Pursuant to adjournment the Association met in the house at 9:30 A. M.

After songs of praise and prayer by Elder Joe Bryant, Route 1, Cochran, Ga., continued with business as follows:

12. Called on fiannce committee to report. Report as follows:

Donated by Churches	$844.00
Donated by Congregation	104.00
Total	948.00

13. Unanimously agreed to distribute minutes as usual.

14. Called for Corresponding Letter, which was handed in, read and unanimously adopted.

15. Extended invitation to our home churches to call for fifth Sunday meetings.

Meetings were granted as follows:
Fifth Sunday and Saturday before, in December, Mt. Creek.
Fifth Sunday and Saturday before, in March, Mills Chapel.
Fifth Sunday and Saturday before, in June, Pleasant Hill.

16. On motion it was unanimously agreed to hold the one hundred twenty-fifth session of the Association with High Hill Church, Union County, North Carolina, beginning Friday before the third Sunday in September, 1957, and continuing Saturday and Sunday following, and that the pastor of High Hill Church preach the introductory sermon.

17. On motion agreed to have 1200 copies of this Minute printed and distributed to church and associations as usual, and that Preston L. Helms superintend the printing and distribution of same and that he be allowed $95.00 for printing, mailing and clerk's service.

18. A motion carried to distribute all funds above that allowed for printing, mailing and clerk's services to ministers present and other expenses as the finance committee may deem proper.

19. By unanimous consent this Association returns thanks to God for His mercy, and to the brethren, sisters, and friends of Pleasant Hill Church and vicinity for their kind hospitality and entertainment and to every one who attended this meeting and conducted themselves so nice and commendable. May God's richest blessings be with each of you always.

20. Agreed to adjourn to time and place above mentioned.

Benediction by Elder R. P. Vass, Hillsville, Va.

ELDER V. V. WILLARD, Moderator

BROTHER G. L. AUMAN, Clerk

PRESTON L. HELMS, Assistant Clerk

FINANCIAL REPORT

Handed in by Churches	$844.00
Contributed by Friends	104.00
	948.00

Expenditures

Printing Minutes	$ 70.00
Clerk's Service and Mailing	25.00
Distributed To Ministers	853.00
Total Expenses	948.00

ORDER OF PREACHING

FRIDAY A. M.

Elder V. V. Willard. Text: Matt. 1:21.

FRIDAY P. M.

Elder H. H. Roberts. Text: Luke 10:25.
Lic. Durl McGee. Text: Eph. 2:1.
Elder Fred Roland. Failed to get text.

SATURDAY A. M.

Elder J. S. Collins. Text: Psalms 24: 1-3.
Elder Henry C. McMillon. Text: Heb. 6:11-13.
Elder G. E. Griffin. Text: Heb. 10:19.

SATURDAY P. M.

Elder J. M. Speir. Text. Eph. 2:19.
Elder J. S. Harris. Text: 1st John, 3:14.
Elder Avery Land. Text: John 11:47.

SUNDAY A. M.

Elder W. L. Johnson opened service with prayer.
Elder J. A. Monsees. Text: 2nd Cor. 4: 13-14.
Elder Joe Hildreth. Text: Heb. 9-16.
Elder W. H. Handcock. Text: Rom. 8:31.

SUNDAY P. M.

Elder R. P. Vass. Text: 2nd Peter 1st Chapter.
Elder Harold Tipton. Text: Rom. 10:8:1-16.

FRIDAY NIGHT

High Point—Elder G. E. Griffin. Failed to get text. Elder Floyd M. Griffin. Failed to get text.

Pleasant Hill—Elder J. M. Speir. Text: Matt. 28:19-20. Elder Joe Bryant. Text: Acts 2:16.

SATURDAY NIGHT

Park View—Elder O. A. Harris. Text: Psalms 48:2. Elder W. H. Handcock. Text. Sol. 3:1-5.

Pleasant Hill—Elder J. D. Hopkins. Text. Colo. 3:1-4. Elder Floyd M. Griffin. Text: Continuation of Colo. 3:1-4..

Watson—Elder Fred Rowland. Failed to get text. Elder Joe Bryant. Failed to get text.

HOME MINISTERS

Elder C. M. Mills, 3130 Central Ave., Charlotte, N. C.
Elder V. V. Willard, R-2, High Point, N. C.
Elder D. B. Willard, R-6, Winston-Salem, N. C.
Elder C. L. Ratcliff, R2 Monroe, N. C.
Elder E. H. Simpson, R-4, Concord, N. C.
Elder H. L. Poplin, R-2, Albemarle, N. C.
Elder P. H. Young, R-1, Linwood, N. C.

VISITING MINISTERS

Elder J. S. Harris, Willis, Va.
Elder C. F. Martin, Telephone 2618, 103 Oak St., Galax, Va.
Elder. O. A. Harris, Floyd, Va.
Elder R. P. Vass, Telephone 155-J, Hillsville, Va.
Elder M. M. Morton, R-2, Smyrna, Ga.
Elder J. S. Collins, Angier, N. C.
Elder H. C. McMillon, Silver Creek Association, Lenoir, N. C.
Elder W. L. Johnson, Winston-Salem, N. C.
Elder J. D. Hopkins, telephone 567-W, 415 Edgewood Drive, Danville, Va.
Elder Fred Rowland, Cochran, Ga.
Elder Joe Bryant, R-1, Cochran, Ga.
Elder J. M. Spier, 138 Ash St., Forest Rest, Ga.
Elder W. H. Hancock, 3879 Tela Place, Macon, Ga.
Elder H. H. Washburn
Elder Harold Tipton, Knoxville, Tenn.
Elder G. E. Griffin, 706 Fifth St., Rupert, Idaho.
Elder Floyd M. Griffin, Snyder, Okla.
Elder J. A. Monsees,
Elder F. F. Eggleston, Martinsville, Va.
Elder Avery L. Land, Dunlap, Tenn.
Elder Durl McGee.
Elder J. F. Hildreth, 542 Orme Circle, Atlanta, Ga.
Elder H. H. Roberts.

IN MEMORIAM

Sacred to the memory of our Brethren and Sisters who have passed away since our last Association whose names and home churches appear below.

Be it resolved that Original Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Associa-

tion mourns with these churches and bereaved families of our great loss in the passing of the dear ones who were so near and dear to us. We bow in humble submission to His holy will.

Also be it resolved that we spread this memorial upon the minutes of this session of the Association:

High Hill: Brethren C. T. Mills and Durant Pressley.

Liberty Hill: Deacon G. P. Burris.

Union Grove: Sisters Armeta Deese Harrington and Alice Medlin.

Lawyer Spring: Brethren Cletus Marsh and Charlie Horne (1955), Sister Addie Medlin.

Mills Chapel: Brother O. L. Owens.

High Point: Brother D. C. Phillips, Charles Clinard, Willie M. Mitchell, Walter Branson, and Sister Lou Idol.

Watson: Sister Julie C. Simpson.

CORRESPONDING LETTER

Beloved Brothers and Sisters of the Original Bear Creek Association; also the corresponding and visiting Brothers, Sisters and friends, greetings! We know it is by divine providence we have met to enjoy your presence, and brotherly love. We thank God for His blessings now and in the past year upon you and us.

May God help us to keep clean hands, clean hearts, and to deny ungodliness, and to live soberly and righteously, that brotherly love may continue. As David said: Let us take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord.

May the ministers be wise as serpents, and as harmless as doves, keeping a watchful eye over Zion, and may we as professed believers, help to hold up their hands, and support them with our natural blessings, and may we be thirsty souls, and pant after the church as the heart panteth after the water brooks; then we shall be found meeting again and again in these heavenly places here below. God bless you all, and come again.

Submitted In Love,
KEMP H. WALKER.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

Article 1. We believe in one living and true God, the Father, the Word and The Holy Ghost.

Article 2. We believe in the man Jesus being the first of all God's creation and the pattern of all God's perfection in nature, grace and glory, and in relative union with the Divine Word, and thus united with the whole Trinity.

Article 3. We believe that the scripture of the Old and New Testaments contain the only written, revealed word of God and the perfect rule of faith and practice for God's Church in her militant state while here on earth.

Article 4. We believe in the doctrine of election; that God chose His Church in Christ Jesus before the world began.

Article 5. We believe in all mankind's apostacy by transgression in Adam, the federal head.

Article 6. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

Article 7. We believe in the impotency of man to recover himself from his fallen state by his own free will and ability.

Article 8. We believe that sinners are justified freely by grace and before God by faith in Christ and His righteousness only.

Article 9. We believe that God's elect or Church shall be called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit in due time.

Article 10. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace and never really fall away.

Article 11. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Christ's appointment, and that believers alone are the subjects of baptism and the only proper communicants of the Supper; that the mode of baptism is immersion, and that neither of the ordinances is to be altered or changed by the inventions or opinions of men. We believe in feet washing as taught by our Saviour in St. John 13:4-17.

Article 12. We believe that no man, as a minister, has any right to the administration of any of the ordinances of the gospel except such as are sound in the faith of the gospel, regularly baptized, called of God and have come under the imposition of hands by a regular presbytery.

Article 13. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both the just and unjust, and a general judgement.

Article 14. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal.

RULES GOVERNING THE ORIGINAL BEAR CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

1st. We understand that at whatever church this Association is being held, that it is being held solely under the authority of that church, just as any other regular or monthly conference.

2nd. That the officers and sufrages of that church shall be the officers and voice of the Association, except as that church may deem prudent to request any member of another church to assist in the business transactions of the Association.

3rd. This Association shall have no authority to pass upon any question of a disciplinary nature except it has first been passed upon by the local churches composing this Association; then the work of the churches shall be recognized by the Association.

4th. Any member who endeavors to bring in or inject a disciplinary question that involves fellowship, before it has been passed upon by the local churches, shall be considered out of order by the church with whom the Association is being held, and by the messengers present from the sister churches.

5th. The Association shall be conducted for no purpose other than song, prayer, and preaching services, and no business shall be transacted by the Association except that which is necessary or sets forth the status of each church composing this body in the form of a minute.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES	Received by Exp. & Baptism	Received by Relation	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Sunday of Meetings	Contributions
High Hill	Elder V. V. Willard	Martin C. Mills, R-2, Monroe N. C.	2			1			2	65	1	$ 42.00
Liberty Hill	Elder C. M. Mills	Ellis Honeycutt, Oakboro,N. C.	2						1	93	1	50.00
Pleasant Grove	Elder C. M. Mills	A. E. Broom, R-2 Marshville, N. C.							2	62	2	63.00
Union Grove	Elder C. M. Mills	L. E. Outen, 1726 Chestnut St., Charlotte, N. C.							2	150	2	150.00
Lawyers Springs	Elder V. V. Willard	Tommy Horne, Peachland, N. C.	2			1				86	1	65.00
Mt. Creek	Elder C. M. Mills	A. C. Medlin,						3		44	3	43.00
High Point	Elder V. V. Willard	H. M. Willard, Winston-Salem, N. C.	8						5	117	4	100.00
Meadow Creek	Elder C. M. Mills	J. L. Deese, R-4, Albemarle, N. C.	6			1				67	1	90.00
Watson	Elder C. M. Mills	Preston L. Helms, R-3, Marshville, N. C.	1						1	46	4	31.00
Mills Chapel	Elder D. B. Willard	W. W. Griffin, 309 Caldwell St., Kannapolis, N. C.					2	1	1	43	1	41.00
Pleasant Hill	Elder V. V. Willard	G. L. Auman, R-1, Star, N. C.								43	3	60.00
Park View	Elder D. B. Willard	F. C. Willard,	9		3					27	1	30.00
Bethel	Elder D. B. Willard	M. D. Anderson, Shallotte, N. C.	10			3		1		67	4	37.00
Union	Elder E. H. Simpson	V. H. Soloman, R-2, Gastonia, N. C.	1							32	1	30.00
Oak Grove	Elder H. L. Poplin	Mrs. Gertrude Greggs, R-1, Chesterfield, S. C.	3		2					10	4	7.00
Corinth	Elder E. H. Simpson	Walter Peterson, Kings Mountain, N. C.	1							11	3	5.00
		Donations										104.00
		Totals	46	0	5	6	2	5	14	966		$948.00